




UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Western District of New York

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**IMPLEMENTATION OF 'AUTO ASSIGN/JUDGE/TRUSTEE
MODULE' OF CM/ECF**

No. 04-03

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The Court will be implementing the "Auto Assign/Judge/Trustee module" of CM/ECF on October 18, 2004. First meeting notices will be sent within 24 hours of a case being filed for Chapter 7 cases. Chapter 7 Trustees will be assigned randomly and automatically by the CM/ECF System based upon criteria provided by the U.S. Trustee. With this short turn around time in noticing the 341 meeting, attorneys are reminded of the importance of verifying the accuracy of their filings prior to the electronic submission to the Court.

The random assignment methodology is the result of an agreement between the Executive Office of the U.S. Trustee and the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts. As you are all aware, significant reductions to the Judiciary's operating budget has resulted in the need to automate many functions previously performed manually by Court staff. A reduction in Court staffing resources together with the mandate to ensure random trustee selection have necessitated this change.

This Court and the local Office of the U.S. Trustee are aware of the concerns raised by practitioners regarding requests to accommodate numerous personal scheduling issues. These comments were shared with our respective headquarters offices in the hopes that these issues may be addressed at the national level in the future.

Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated during this transition.

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